

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-44 Cancelled.

45. (Original) A method of constructing a lockable, removable currency cassette comprising:

molding the cassette according to a single walled injection molded design; and  
connecting an access door to the cassette shell.

46. (Original) The method of claim 45, wherein the walls of the cassette are joined using a thermoplastic welding technique.

47. (Original) The method of claim 46 wherein an electromagnetic field is used to provide thermal energy to weld the walls.

48. (Original) A stacker mechanism comprising:  
a stacker plate; and  
a drive means coupled to the stacker plate, wherein the drive means includes non-circular drive gears.

49. (Original) A stacker mechanism comprising:  
a stacker plate;  
a first scissor arm connected at a first end to the stacker plate;

a second scissor arm connected at a first end to the stacker plate, and pivotally connected to the first scissor arm about a scissor pivot point located approximately at the center of the length of the first scissor arm; and

a link arm for driving the stacker plate, the link arm connected to the first scissor arm at a pivot point located between the scissor pivot point and a second end of the first scissor arm.

50. (Original) The apparatus of claim 49 further comprising a drive means coupled to the link arm and having non-circular drive gears.